

Claim 2, line 1, delete "novel"; and

line 2, replace "claim" with --Claim--.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "novel".

line 4, insert --from-- between "of" and "100".

Please add the following claims:

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~~4. A granule according to Claim 3 having a particle size in the range of from 100 to 500  $\mu$ m.~~

5. A food sweetener composition comprising a granule of N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L- $\alpha$ -aspartyl]-L-phenylalanine methyl ester according to Claim 3, and at least one other ingredient.

6. A composition according to Claim 5 wherein the other ingredient is a diluent or excipient.

7. A composition according to Claim 6 wherein the diluent or excipient is selected from the group consisting of a natural sweetener, a synthetic sweetener, a sugar alcohol, an oligosaccharide, food fibers and mixtures thereof.

8. A composition according to Claim 7 wherein the natural sweetener is glucose.

9. A composition according to Claim 7 wherein the natural sweetener is sucrose.

10. A composition according to Claim 7 wherein the synthetic sweetener is saccharin.

11. A composition according to Claim 5 which is in the form of a food product.

12. A composition according to Claim 11 wherein the food product is a table sweetener.

13. A composition according to Claim 11 wherein the food product is a beverage.--